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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoghooghi et al (U.S. Patent 5,959,260).

With regard to claim 1, Hoghooghi discloses a handwriting Input area (see col. 2, lines 36-42); and a plurality of activatable controls each being associated with a different reference library, i.e., memory, (see col. 4, lines 1-12), and each adapted to recognizing characters input on handwriting input area as belonging to associated reference library (see col. 4, lines 54-66).

With regard to claim 2, Hoghooghi discloses at least one of plurality of activatable controls is a software control (see col. 8, lines 31-36).

With regard to claim 3, Hoghooghi discloses at least one of plurality of activatable controls is a hardware control (see col. 6, lines 44-49).

With regard to claim 4, Hoghooghi discloses at least one activatable menu control associated with a multiplicity of activatable controls (see col. 4, lines 1-12).

With regard to claim 5, Hoghooghi discloses at least one activatable menu control associated with a multiplicity of other activatable menu controls (see col. 4, lines 38-45).

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With regard to claim 6, Hoghooghi discloses a personal digital assistant having a handwriting recognition input system (see col. 4, line 57-66).

With regard to claim 7, Hoghooghi discloses a mobile telephone having a handwriting recognition input system (see col. 4, lines 51-59).

Claim 8 is similarly analyzed as claim 1.

Claim 9 is similarly analyzed as claim 4.

Claim 10 is similarly analyzed as claim 5.

Claim 11 is similarly analyzed as claim 7.

With regard to claim 12, Hoghooghi discloses a mobile telephone having a handwriting recognition system (see col. 4, lines 51-59).

Claim 13 is similarly analyzed as claim 1. The additional limitations of a housing, and handwriting input area mounted on housing are taught by Hoghooghi (see Fig 1, items 102 and 112).

Claims 15 and 16 are similarly analyzed as claim 13.

With regard to claim 17, Hoghooghi discloses selecting at least one character set from among a plurality of character sets (see col. 2, lines 36-48); and recognizing at least one character using said at least one selected character set (see col. 4, lines 57-col. 5, lines 1-3).

Claim 18 is similarly analyzed as claim 17.

Other Prior Art Cited

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent No. (6,427,078) to Wilska et al discloses device for personal communications, data collection and data processing, and circuit card.

US Patent No. (6,177,950) to Robb discloses multifunctional portable telephone.

US Patent No. (5,675,524) to bernard discloses portable apparatus for providing multiple integrated communication media.

US Patent No. (5,864,636) to Chisaka discloses device or inputting characters by handwriting.

US Patent No. (6,161,134) to Wang et al discloses method, apparatus and communications system for companion information and network appliances.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YOSEF KASSA whose telephone number is (703) 306-5918. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BHAVESH MEHTA can be reached on (703) 308-5246. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)

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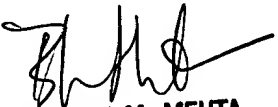
872-9306 for regular communication and (703) 872-9306 for after Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the customer service office whose telephone number is (703) 306-5631. The group receptionist number for TC 2600 is (703) 305-4700.

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